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**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

In the Matter of:

CHRISTOPHER M. ANSELM, M.D.

CONSENT ORDER

This matter **was** opened before the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") upon the Board's receipt of a report and recommendation from the Medical Practitioner Review Panel (the "Panel") detailing findings made by the Panel upon its conclusion of an investigation of information concerning a civil malpractice action against respondent Christopher M. Anselmi, M.D. Respondent appeared before the Panel on March 21, 2003, at which appearance he was represented by G. Dolph Corradino, Esq., and then testified concerning his treatment of patient J.F.

The Panel found that respondent engaged in gross negligence when he provided care, as an emergency room physician, to patient J.F. Specifically, the Panel found that respondent was grossly negligent for having failed to order a CT scan and a Pro-time (INR) for J.F., a 49 year-old man who had a history of cardiac arrhythmia and was taking Coumadin, who presented to the emergency room at or about midnight on January 29, 1992 with sudden onset of basal headaches, complaints of dizziness, nausea and vomiting. The Panel concluded that respondent's actions contributed to a significant delay in diagnosis and treatment of a cerebellar hemorrhage and brain herniation. The Panel additionally found that respondent failed to document examinations he claimed to have

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made of patient J.F. in the emergency room chart, and thereby failed to prepare a complete patient record.

The Panel recommended that cause existed to initiate a disciplinary action against respondent pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(c) and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21 (h) (based on respondent's violation of N.J.A.C. 13:35-6.5). The Board being satisfied that the need for further action is obviated by respondent's agreement to the following Order, and being satisfied that the within Order adequately protects the public interest, and that good cause exists for entry of this Order,

IT IS on this 2nd day of June , 2003

ORDERED:

1. Respondent Christopher M. Anselmi, M.D., is hereby reprimanded for having engaged in gross negligence in his care of patient J.F., and for having failed to prepare a complete patient record.

2. Respondent is assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$2500, which penalty shall be payable in full upon entry of this Order.

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By:

William V. Harrer M.D. BLD

William V. Harrer, M.D., B.L.D.
Board President

I consent to be bound by the terms of this Order, and give my consent to the Board to enter this Order.

Christopher M. Anselmi M.D.
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